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**CSD ANNOUNCES AWARDS FOR \$1 MILLION IN COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR
TARGETED INITIATIVES AND INNOVATIVE PROJECTS TO BENEFIT LOW-
INCOME CALIFORNIANS**

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) has announced more than \$1 million in Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) awards to 17 providers throughout the state to support targeted initiatives and innovative projects that benefit low-income individuals, families and communities.

“Through these targeted initiatives and innovative projects, we will be able to positively impact and improve the lives of many Californians who are struggling in these difficult times,” said CSD Acting Director John Wagner. “I commend all of the local providers that are working to provide these important services to help low-income families and individuals achieve greater self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.”

CSD released a Request for Application (RFA) in March announcing the availability of \$1 million in competitive federal CSBG discretionary funds to help strengthen local services and provide local agencies with the opportunity to implement programs that benefit low-income Californians. Interested CSBG eligible agencies could apply for a grant in one of five categories - foster youth development, youth development, employment, food and nutrition and innovation. These categories were selected through a survey of local service providers conducted last year to assess what categories of programs could provide the most value or benefit to their clients and communities.

CSD received an overwhelming response of 40 applications to the RFA. Initiatives and projects that met all RFA requirements, including the ability to demonstrate strong partnerships, self-sustainability and historical success, were chosen. Below is a list of the awards:

Amador-Toulumne Community Action Agency is awarded \$50,000 for the *Amador Youth Services Project* to improve the health, well-being and positive development of underserved, low-income and at-risk youth in the in central **Amador County**.

California Human Development is awarded \$50,000 for *A Field of Their Own*, a community garden project that will provide related gardening and nutrition services for low-income farmworkers and their families in **Fairfield, Yuba City and Napa**.

Center for Employment Training is awarded \$70,000 for *Work the Hidden Job Market – Get Back to Work*, an initiative to increase the job placement rate of graduates at CET Centers in four counties with high unemployment rates: **Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego and Santa Clara**.

Central Valley Opportunity Center is awarded \$70,000 for a comprehensive farmworker vocational development and job placement project, focusing on the commercial truck driving field targeting migrant seasonal farmworkers in **Stanislaus, Merced and Madera counties**.

Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County is awarded \$70,000 for *Getting Healthy, Staying Healthy*, an initiative to address the need for good nutrition and physical activity to combat childhood obesity in Santa Cruz County.

Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County is awarded \$70,000 for the *Healthy Lunch Senior Nutrition Program* to provide food security to low-income seniors throughout Santa Barbara County.

Community Action Marin is awarded \$60,000 for *Marin Working Today*, an employment program to provide occupational training and employment for custodial, maintenance and grounds keeping to low-income clients.

Community Action of Napa Valley is awarded \$50,000 for *Culinary School and Restaurant*, a training and employment program targeting the homeless and low-income in Napa.

Community Action Partnership of Riverside County is awarded \$70,000 for the GREEN TEAMWorks Project, a targeted initiative to help emancipated foster youth in Riverside County join the green workforce through training, mentoring and job placement.

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County is awarded \$60,000 for the *San Bernardino County Youth Building Collaborative*, a targeted initiative to provide youth development services through an individualized education program in San Bernardino County.

Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County is awarded \$50,000 for *QuestBound Youth Leadership and Development*, an afterschool program targeting low-income, at-risk youth in **Paso Robles and Nipomo** that will provide activities and education in youth leadership, employment training, gang prevention and teen pregnancy prevention.

Community Action Partnership of Solano is awarded \$28,645 for *Entry Level Training (ELM) Focus Property Management*, an employment training initiative targeted to help low-income seniors in Solano County gain skills and certification to work in property management positions.

Community Services Employment Training is awarded \$50,000 for *Tech Connect*, a high-tech job training program targeted toward low-income, at-risk youth in **Tulare County**.

Foothill Unity Center is awarded \$50,000 for the *Family Food and Fitness Program*, an initiative that will provide food and nutrition services and programs to low-income clients in **Altadena, Arcadia, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Pasadena and South Pasadena**.

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission is awarded \$70,000 for *Food – Fresh but Fragile*, a food distribution and nutrition education program targeted toward west Fresno County and the **cities of Huron, Firebaugh, Mendota and San Joaquin**.

Proteus is awarded \$70,000 for *Renewable Energy Project*, a targeted employment training and job placement project to provide renewable energy education, training and placement to low-income clients in **Fresno and Tulare counties**.

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency is awarded \$80,000 for *Healthy Futures*, an obesity prevention project targeted toward children and families participating in Head Start in the Galt area and emancipated foster youth in Sacramento County.

Clients served through these targeted initiatives and innovative projects must meet the poverty income guidelines for the federal CSBG grant, which is [100 percent of the most recent poverty income criterion published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#).

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CSD is the state-level partner with a statewide network of local community service agencies dedicated to helping low-income Californians achieve and maintain self-sufficiency, meet their home energy needs and reside in housing free from the dangers of lead hazards. CSD administers California's federal funding

share for the Community Services Block Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Weatherization Assistance Program and Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. For more information about CSD and these programs, please visit www.csd.ca.gov.